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PCT/FR2003/003358  
-filed November 13, 2003

Re: Application of Jean BEGUINOT and Jean-Georges BRISSON  
METHOD FOR MAKING AN ABRASION RESISTANT STEEL PLATE AND  
PLATE OBTAINED  
Assignee: **USINOR**  
Our Ref: Q88042

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an English translation of the International Application, with a Translator's Declaration.
- ☒ Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement and a copy of the ISR.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references and copy of references cited on the ISR.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, English translation of Article 19 claim amendments, English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER), and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.



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Total claims	<u>13</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=		x	\$50.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>2</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=		x	\$200.0	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Base Fee									<u>\$300.00</u>
Search Fee*									<u>\$400.00</u>
Examination Fee*									<u>\$200.00</u>
<b><u>TOTAL FEE</u></b>									<u>\$900.00</u>

\* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO, as the ISA, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$900.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
France	02 14426	November 19, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

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I, KAREN BELL, B.A., declare

1. That I am a citizen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, residing at 14 Combroke Grove, Hatton Park, Warwick, CV35 7TG.
2. That I am well acquainted with the French and English languages.
3. That the attached is a true translation into the English language of International Patent Application No. PCT/FR2003/003358, filed on 13 November 2003.
4. That all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardise the validity of the patent application in the United States of America or any patent issuing thereon.

Declared this 26th day of April 2005.

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